

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
SPARTANBURG DIVISION

Cecil Jerome Quinn, Jr., )  
Plaintiff, ) C.A. No. 7:23-6174-HMH-KFM  
vs. ) **OPINION & ORDER**  
Mark J. Hayes, Hope M. Blackley, )  
Gail Moffitt, Daniel Cude, James Cheeks, )  
Trey Gowdy, )  
Defendants. )

This matter is before the court with the Report and Recommendation of United States Magistrate Judge Jacquelyn D. Austin made in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 636(b) and District of South Carolina Local Civil Rule 73.02. Plaintiff, a state prisoner proceeding pro se and in forma pauperis, brings this 42 U.S.C. § 1983 action alleging that Defendants violated his constitutional rights. In her Report and Recommendation filed on January 16, 2024, Judge Austin recommended dismissing Plaintiff's claims without issuance and service of process pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915A. (R&R 10, ECF No. 18.) Plaintiff filed a number of motions for miscellaneous relief that are confusing and difficult to decipher. However, the court construes the filings as objections to the Report and Recommendation and a motion to appoint counsel.

Objections to a report and recommendation must be specific. A report and recommendation carries no "presumptive weight," and the responsibility for making a final determination remains with the court. Mathews v. Weber, 423 U.S. 261, 271 (1976). The court

reviews de novo “those portions of the report . . . to which objection is made” and “may accept, reject, or modify, in whole or in part, the findings or recommendations made by the magistrate judge” or “recommit the matter . . . with instructions.” 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1). “To trigger de novo review, an objecting party ‘must object to the finding or recommendation on that issue with sufficient specificity so as reasonably to alert the district court of the true ground for the objection.’” Elijah v. Dunbar, 66 F.4th 454, 460 (4th Cir. 2023) (quoting United States v. Midgette, 478 F.3d 616, 622 (4th Cir. 2007)). In the absence of specific objections, the court reviews only for clear error, Diamond v. Colonial Life & Accident Ins. Co., 416 F.3d 310, 315 (4th Cir. 2005), and need not give any explanation for adopting the report, Camby v. Davis, 718 F.2d 198, 200 (4th Cir. 1983).

Upon review, Plaintiff has not filed any specific objections to the substance of the magistrate judge’s findings or conclusions. Therefore, having reviewed the Report and Recommendation, the court adopts Judge Austin’s Report and Recommendation and incorporates it herein.

It is therefore

**ORDERED** that the motion to appoint counsel, docket number 23, is denied. It is further

**ORDERED** that this action is dismissed without issuance and service of process pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915A.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

s/Henry M. Herlong, Jr.  
Senior United States District Judge

Greenville, South Carolina  
February 8, 2024

**NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL**

Plaintiff is hereby notified that he has the right to appeal this order within thirty (30) days from the date hereof, pursuant to Rules 3 and 4 of the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure.